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In re Application of

Paul M. Defourny and Fereidoun Abbassian

Serial No.: 08/696,986

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For: *Drilling Bit Assembly
and Apparatus*

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 11, 1999, Applicants desire to amend as follows:

In the Drawings

Drawings showing the correct crosshatching for the resilient material of components 2004 and 2005 in Figs. 12A-D will be submitted by a separate letter to the Official Draftsperson. A copy of the corrections marked in red is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

In the Claims

Please cancel all claims in the application and substitute the following replacement claims, ~~41-69~~ ⁷⁰⁻⁹²:

1. An apparatus for use in a drill string and drill bit assembly, comprising:
a first member for attachment to the drill string;
a second member for attachment to at least one drilling member; and

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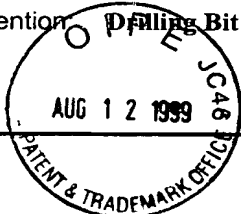
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